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SUBJECT: ADDIS UNIVERSITY REOPENS

1. ADDIS ABABA UNIVERSITY REOPENED FOR 4TH-YEAR STUDENTS ON JULY 20TH. GOVERNMENT INITIALLY RESTRICTED REGISTRATION TO THOSE STUDENTS WHO HAD COMPLETED THEIR NATIONAL WORK CAMPAIGN OBLIGATION. ALTHOUGH APPROXIMATELY 250 STUDENTS WOULD HAVE BEEN ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND, ONLY 80 OR SO ACTUALLY REGISTERED. THE GOVERNMENT THEN CAPITULATED AND ALLOWED ALL 4TH-YEAR STUDENTS TO ENROLL AND SUBSEQUENTLY APPROXIMATELY 85 PERCENT OF THE 500 ELI-GIBLE STUDENTS REGISTERED AND ARE ATTENDING CLASS. ACTING UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT, DR. TAYE, TOLD MISSIONOFF THAT REMAINING 15 PERCENT OF STUDENTS WERE PROBABLY EMPLOYED AND RELUCTANT TO GIVE UP HARD-TO-FIND JOBS.

2. ACCORDING TO ACTING PRESIDENT, UNIVERSITY WILL REOPEN LATE SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER FOR REMAINDER OF STUDENTS, ALTHOUGH NO DECISION HAS BEEN REACHED AS TO WHETHER NEW FRESHMAN CLASS WILL BE ACCEPTED. PRECEDENT ON STUDENTS WHO FAILED TO COMPLETE ZEMECHA OBLIGATION HAS PROBABLY BEEN SENT AND IT IS LIKELY THAT ALL FORMER STUDENTS WHO APPLY WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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3. SO FAR THERE HAVE BEEN NO DISRUPTIONS OR DEMONSTRATIONS THAT WE KNOW OF AT THE UNIVERSITY. THIS MAY BE RELATED TO PRESENCE OF SEVERAL HUNDRED SOLDIERS INSIDE THE CAMPUS, WHO, COINCIDENTALLY (?) ARE ATTENDING A SEMINAR THERE. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE-MENTIONED UNARMED SOLDIERS, APPROXIMATELY 40 TO 50 ARMED POLICE AND SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN SEEN PATROLLING THE UNIVERSITY COMPOUND.

4. MEANWHILE SOME 1,000 RETURNED ZEMECHA STUDENTS QUIETLY ASSEMBLED OUTSIDE NATIONAL WORK CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS IN ADDIS YESTERDAY MORNING (JULY 26) REPORTEDLY AWAITING CERTIFICATES ATTESTING TO THE COMPLETION OF THEIR ZEMECHA OBLIGATIONS, WHICH ARE REQUIRED FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT. GATHERING WAS PEACEFUL--LATE ARRIVAL OF MACHINE JEEPS INSURED THAT IT REMAINED SO-- AND DEMONSTRATORS DISPERSED BEFORE LUNCH.

COMMENT: ALTHOUGH GOVERNMENT HAS PASSED WORD THAT RETURNED ZEMACH WHO DID NOT FULFIL THEIR OBLIGATION ARE NOT TO BE HIRED BY ANY GOVERNMENT FIRM, IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT THIS POLICY WILL BE MAINTAINED IN VIEW OF UNIVERSITY PRECEDENT ADMITTING ALL RETURNED ZEMACH.
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